

TEST.

Commission.
South Caro-
Prizes for

Carolina:
of corn ever
of land was
T. Drake of
S. C. In this
which was con-
American Agri-
years ago, Capt.
ed on a single acre
of shelled corn.
velous yield surprised
the great corn belt and
years they have been
to break this record. It
if the world record of
Drake will ever be broken.
single event in the history of
culture has called forth more
favorable comment to the agricul-
possibilities of the South
than the crop of corn grown by
Capt. Drake. He not only won
the grand prize offered by The
American Agriculturalist, but he
also won the \$500 given by the
State of South Carolina, as well
as many minor prizes.

Another cereal contest of much
wider range is now being con-
ducted by the Orange-Judd com-
pany, publishers of The Ameri-
can Agriculturalist, in which they
offer \$5,000 to be distributed in
prizes. This contest is national
in scope and thousands of farm-
ers from all parts of the country
have already made application
for entry. Hundreds of prizes
from various individuals have
been offered and farmers have an
opportunity of winning one or
more prizes in this contest.

OBJECTS OF CONTEST.

1. To encourage proper selec-
tion of seed and better grade of
soils.

2. To centre attention upon
varieties that are superior for
each section and to introduce
seed of such varieties that are
pure and true to name and to
prove that when such varieties
are grown under normal con-
ditions it is not necessary to so
change seed.

3. To encourage better methods
of culture and harvesting so as
to largely increase average yields
per acre and improve quality.

4. To show that such results
can be had at less expense of
time, money and labor when in-
crease in yield is considered.

5. To improve methods of
marketing and conversion of crop
into largest possible cash returns.

6. To increase grain growers
profits on each acre each year.

7. To promote the keeping of
intelligent records and the use
of business principles in farming,
besides fostering the farmers'
prosperity and the welfare of the
whole people.

NATURE OF THE CONTEST.

There will be three general
classes, including corn, wheat and
oats. For this year South Caro-
lina farmers are requested to
enter the corn contest and lay
their plans to enter both wheat
and corn in 1907. The contest
will cover a period of five years,
beginning this season. Each
year's work will be complete in
itself. The contestant must be-
gin this season, but is not re-
quired to compete at each year
unless he so desires. The awards
will be made final each season.
The first year each grower will
be required to grow at least one
acre of the crop of whatever kind
he selects. For this season corn
is the one selected for South
Carolina. The same individual
may compete for each class of
grain grown, but for only one
variety in each class.

For South Carolina, Marlboro
Produce, Coke's Prolific and
Mosby's Prolific corn seem to be
well adapted for this contest.
Any other variety can be selected
for the contest. The farmer may
select any one acre from the crop
he has planted and enter it in
this contest. Each contestant
can follow his own judgment in
the selection of soil, mode of cul-
ture, harvesting and marketing.
All particulars relative to growth,
tillage, etc., will be recorded in
the "Contestant Manual" which
also contains invaluable data
about cereals as well as record-
ing reports, etc. This manual is
sent to contestants at actual cost
of printing, binding and mailing,
for 50 cents, or is given free to
subscribers of The American
Agriculturalist, who remit \$1 for
a year's subscription.

Anyone may compete in this
contest, whether they are sub-
scribers to The American Agri-
culturalist or not, but the manual is
really a necessity for keeping
their records of the acre entered

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Salem Items.

Well, Mr. Editor, to begin
with, I'll endeavor to describe a
nice little impromptu affair given
at the school house Friday night,
23rd inst., by Miss Anna Lou
Martin and her pupils. We were
certainly agreeably surprised to
see such a hastily arranged pro-
gram so accurately rendered. Yet
how could we expect otherwise,
when Miss Martin is known
throughout this section for her
ability and tact in training chil-
dren.

The program consisted of
pantomimes, a geographical con-
test, tea contest, shadows and
anagrams, appropriate prizes be-
ing awarded. Music on the
piano was interspersed between
the different numbers by the
pupils with Mrs. Will Jenkins
assisting. Misses Daysie Crow-
der, Callie Crowder, Alma Mil-
ling, Corine Aiken and Belle
Crawford of the higher grades
deserve much credit, while too
much cannot be said in praise of
the primary classes. And we
believe every one who attended
felt amply repaid for going out
such a cold night.

Well, I will fall back on the
wornout topic of "too much wet
weather." The rain is falling in
torrents to-day, and what a hard
time the farmers are having try-
ing to get some work done. I
sincerely hope they will all try to
raise more and better home sup-
plies this year than ever before.
The fruit in this section, if not
killed, is badly damaged by the
cold.

Small vegetables can make no
headway such cold nights as we
are having now.

Dr. O. Y. Gwings of Columbia
spent a few days last week with
his sister, Miss Susan Gwings.

Mrs. Milo B. Martin, who has
been spending several weeks in
Spartanburg, has returned home
much improved in health.

W. S. J.
Strother, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1,
March 27, 1906.

Dev's Island Torture

is no worse than the terrible case
of Piles that afflicted me 10 years.
Then I was advised to apply
Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and less
than a box permanently cured
me, writes L. S. Napier, of
Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds,
Burns and Sores like magic. 25c
at McMaster Co.'s and Jno. H.
McMaster & Co., druggists.

Absent Minded.

A minister's wife, a doctor's
wife, and a traveling man's wife
met one day recently and were
talking about the forgetfulness
of their husbands. The minis-
ter's wife thought her husband
was the most forgetful man liv-
ing, because he would go to
church without his notes and no
one could make out what he was
trying to preach about. The
doctor's wife thought her hus-
band was the more forgetful
still, for he would start out to
see a patient, and would forget
his medicine case and travel
bags miles for nothing. "Well,"
said the traveling man's wife,
"my husband forgets that. He
came home the other day and
patted me on the cheek and said:
I believe I have seen you before—
what is your name?"—Press
and Banner.

What good does it do you to eat if
your stomach fails to digest the food?
None. It does you harm—causes
belching, sour stomach, flatulence, etc.
When the stomach fails a little Kodol
Dyspepsia, a few after each meal will
digest what you eat and make the
stomach sweet. Sold by all druggists.

A Card from Miss Sallie McCants.

[Walterboro Press and Standard.]
To whom it may Concern:
The engagement which existed
between Miss Sallie McCants and
R. N. Jordan of Cottageville has
been mutually dissolved, it being
their aim to disappoint those
who reported the news of their
marriage. This will allow anxious
mothers with marriageable daugh-
ters the chance of opening their
doors again to this esteemed
young man.

Respectfully,
S. McCants.

You feel the life giving current the
minute you take it. A gentle soothing
warmth, fills the nerves and blood
with life. It's a real pleasure to take
Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35
cents, Tea or Tablets. Jno. H. Mc-
Master & Co.

Explanation Easy.

Much is being written about
the reasons for Marshall Field's
success. That's easy. He had
something to sell and advertised
it.—Washington post.

No More Free Seed Graft.

Eight members of the House
Committee on Agriculture struck
from the Agricultural appropri-
ation bill an item of \$242,000 de-
signed to continue for another
year the "free seed graft" which
has grown to such enormous pro-
portions during the adminis-
tration of Secretary Wilson.
Seven members voted against
this reform. It is expected that
the Agricultural Department's
influence will be exerted to get
this item back into the bill when
it reaches the floor.

Appropriation carried by the
bill aggregate between \$6,000,000
and \$7,000,000. The estimates of
the department would have been
cut more if it had been possible
to get satisfactory information
as to expenditures from the de-
partment officials.

When the paragraph proving
\$243,000 for the free distribution
of seeds was reached Representa-
tive Cocks of New York, moved
that it be stricken out. He was
supported by Messrs. Wads-
worth, of New York; Henry, of
Connecticut; Haugen, of Iowa;
Brooks, of Colorado; Adams, of
Wisconsin; Lorimer, of Illinois;
and Haskin, of Vermont. Against
the reform were Messrs. Davis,
Minnesota; Bowen, of Alabama;
Lamb, of Virginia; Lever, of
South Carolina; Trimble, of Ken-
tucky; Field, of Texas, and Can-
dler, of Mississippi.—Carolina
Spartan.

Is the Moon Inhabited.

Science has proven that the
moon has an atmosphere, which
makes life in some form possible
on that satellite; but not for
human beings, who have a hard
enough time on this earth of ours;
especially those who don't know
that Electric Bitters cure Head-
ache, Biliousness, Malaria, Chills
and Fever, Jaundice, Dyspepsia,
Dizziness, Torpid Liver, Kidney
complaints, General Debility and
Female weaknesses. Unequalled
as a general Tonic and Appetizer
for weak persons and especially
for the aged. It induces sound
sleep. Fully guaranteed by Mc-
Master Co. and Jno. H. McMas-
ter & Co., druggists. Price only
50c.

My Symphony.

To live content with small
means; to seek elegance rather
than luxury, and refinement rather
than fashion; to be worthy,
not respectable; and wealthy,
not rich; to study hard, think
quietly, talk gently, act frankly;
to listen to stars and birds, babes
and sages, with open heart; to
bear all cheerfully, do all bravely;
await occasions, hurry never; in
a word, to let the spiritual,
unbidden and unconscious grow
up through the commonplace.
—Wm. Henry Channing.

Owes Success to Stag Paint.

Messrs. Hirschberg, Hollander &
Co.:
Dear Sirs—I have just finished
the best season I have ever had,
as every job I did with Stag
Paint, got me two more.

A. F. Olinger,
Quicksburg, Va.
Nothing spreads as easy, or
looks as well on a house as Stag
Semi-Paste Paint.
"One gallon makes two!"
For sale by J. H. McMaster &
Co., Winnsboro, S. C.

Certainly an Anomaly.

One of the anomalies of the
law was illustrated at the present
term of court. An old man was
sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.
for selling liquor and a young
man fined \$250. for shooting an-
other. Is the inference to be
drawn that in the eyes of the law
it is greater offense to tank up a
fellow on illicit liquor than it is
to pump lead into him?

Living indoors so much during the
winter months creates a sort of a stuffy,
want-of-ozone condition in the blood
and system generally. Clean up and
get ready for spring. Take a few Bar-
ley Bitters. These famous little pills
cleanse the liver, stomach and bowels
and give the blood a chance to purify
itself. They relieve headache, sallow
complexion, etc. Sold by all drug-
gists.

Courtesy.

Some are born courteous,
some acquire courtesy, but no-
body has courtesy thrust upon
him. Courtesy is to common
conduct what equity is to com-
mon law; the former impels to
kindness, the latter to justice.
The proper observance of con-
ventional rights is quite essential
to the peace and progress of the
community; and in matter of this
kind courtesy is always on the
side of good form and good taste
—Presbyterian Standard.

Resting a Model.

"Many artists have the reputation of
being inexorable in their demands upon
the model's strength. A character-
istic example appears in an anecdote
of the late Adolphe Menzel, the Ger-
man painter, who at one time was en-
gaged on a work of mural decoration
and kept a man posed in an exceed-
ingly fatiguing position on a scaffold for
two hours. The great painter worked
away, heedless of his model's discom-
fort. Finally the victim called down,
"Herr Professor, how about the re-
cess?"

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down
right away, and you shall have your
recess."

As the model was descending from
the scaffolding his limbs assumed a
position which was one for which the
artist had long been looking.

"Stop!" Menzel thundered. "Hold!
Ah, fine! Keep that while I make a
little sketch of it!"

The artist drew vigorously for half
an hour, at the end of which he called
out imperatively: "There, that will do
for now. Get up on the scaffold again.
We have had our recess."

The Town's Crooked Dividing Line.

"There is a reason for most every-
thing," said a Cumberland county man
when he was asked how in the world
they came to have such a crooked line
between two towns in his county.
"There's a reason for this crooked line.
You see, some of our towns estab-
lished in pioneer times, when land was
abundant and people were few, had a
big territory, which was afterward
sliced off to make new towns. It was
so in the case you mention, and when
the cut off was made people along the
line of division were of different minds
as to which town they wanted to be in.
So the legislature drew a straight line
between the two parts and then pro-
vided that persons dwelling on lands
adjoining either side of this line might
be in one town or the other, as they
should decide within ninety days after
passing the act. Some went one way
and some the other, and the line was
all skewed up to accommodate them."
—Lewiston Journal.

Boarding Houses, Take Note.

In view of the part that electricity
plays in our modern life it is amusing
to recall that when Benjamin Franklin
evolved the lightning conductor he was
called to account by certain individuals
for sacrilege in "attempting to divert
the Almighty's lightning."

Restaurant proprietors and boarding
house keepers have apparently over-
looked a valuable hint which Dr. Frank-
lin afforded them, as follows: He took
an ancient rooster and killed it by a
powerful shock from one of his Leyden
jars. When subsequently the bird was
served at his table "his flesh was found
to be as tender as that of a young par-
tridge," or so he declares. This is one of
the discoveries which should make the
name of Franklin forever honored.
—Success Magazine.

The Sultan's Kiosk.

In every city of the Ottoman empire
there is a kiosk set apart for the
sultan, who never even sees it.
These palatial abodes are built of
rare marbles and finished in fine
woods, enameled in silver and gold,
with mirrors and lustres from Vienna,
chandeliers from Florence and Rome, and
are nominally guarded by major domos,
who live there in royal ease and lux-
ury unparalleled. Hundreds of mil-
lions of francs are thus squandered,
while not a sou is spent in making
roads, fertilizing valleys or construct-
ing ports.

Golden Nose.

Pycho Brade, the famous Danish
mathematician, was known as the
"Wizard of the Golden Nose." While
at the university he lost his nose in a
duel and replaced it with a nasal or-
gan of gold, held in place by cement
and a pair of spectacles. This addi-
tion to his countenance gave him a
very peculiar appearance and caused
him to be much feared by the common
people, who attributed to him many
supernatural powers, largely on ac-
count of his remarkable nose.

Tasmanian Girls.

For many years Tasmania has been
known as the "Circassia of the colo-
nies," a tribute to the exceptional love-
liness of its young women. There have
been Tasmanian peeresses, but the
pretty Tasmanian girls are mostly in
demand as barmaids for Sydney and
Melbourne. Some years ago it was
elicited in evidence at an official in-
quiry in Melbourne that Tasmanian
barmaids command double the ordi-
nary wages for this kind of work.

Two Goat Islands.

Here is an extraordinary coincidence:
The island lying between the American
fall and the Canadian fall at Niagara
is called Goat Island. What is now
called Livingstone Island at the Victo-
ria falls in Africa is called Kempon-
go by the natives, and this signifies
"goat island."

Contradicted.
"It's impossible to have too much of
a good thing," said the thoughtful
thinker.

"Oh, I don't know," rejoined the con-
trary person. "Matrimony is a good
thing, but what the law does to a
bigamist is plenty."—Chicago News.

This Life.

Says Charles Baudelaire: "This life
is a hospital where every patient is
possessed with a desire to change his
bed. This one would prefer to suffer
by the stove, and the other thinks he
would recover by the window."

Posted.

Visitor—Johnny, give me the name of
the largest diamond. Johnny—The ace.
—Boston Globe.

The Better Way

The tissues of the throat are
inflamed and irritated; you
cough, and there is more irrita-
tion—more coughing. You take
a cough mixture and it eases the
irritation—for a while. You take

SCOTT'S EMULSION

and it cures the cold. That's
what is necessary. It soothes the
throat because it reduces the
irritation; cures the cold because
it drives out the inflammation;
builds up the weakened tissues
because it nourishes them back
to their natural strength. That's
how Scott's Emulsion deals with
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Henderson's Succession, the best
large, late and sure header, Au-
gusta Early Trucker, also a fine
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2-28-3m

Municipal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meet-
ing of the Town Council will be held
on Monday, the 23rd day of April,
1906, at 5 o'clock, P. M.
Applications in writing for the office
of Clerk of Council and also for posi-
tions on the police force will be re-
ceived up to 12 o'clock M. of that day,
the election to take place at said meet-
ing.

By order of the Mayor:
JNO. J. NEIL,
Clerk of Council.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against
the estate of George Mobley, deceased,
will present the same to the under-
signed, and all persons indebted to
said estate will make payment to him.
JORDAN McCULLOUGH,
Qualified Executor.
3-28-4t

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All Lounges, a nice lot of them too,
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Some tempting offerings in Rockers
of all grades.

Cots at prices that make it so you
can have one of these luxuries.

Baby Carriages and Go-Carts at
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Fourteen of the most approved varieties of
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